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SUBJ: ROMANIAN MEDIA ON ZAIRE
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1. ROMANIAN NEWS WEEKLY LUMEA (APRIL 21, 1977) HAS PUBLISHED
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN ZAIRE FROM MARCH 10 UNTIL APRIL 19
DRAWN FROM NATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES OF ZAIRE, ALGERIA, MOROCCO,
THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE, PLUS RUETERS, UPI, AND AP.
CHRONOLOGY ESSENTIALLY REPEATS WHAT LITTLE PRESS COVERAGE
THERE HAS BEEN IN DAILY PRESS (SCINTEIA, APRIL 13-14) AND,
IF ANYTHING, SEEMS SKEWED IN FAVOR OF ZAIRE REGIME AND ITS
DEFENSE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. NO MENTION OF
CHINESE INVOLVEMENT IS MADE AND U.S., FRENCH, MOROCCAN
OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE ARE FACTUALLY REPORTED, AS IS
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ANGOLAN DENIAL OF ANY LINKS TO CONFLICT. INTERESTINGLY,
ALSO INCLUDED IS AN APRIL 12 TASS DENIAL OF ANY SOVIET
INVOLVEMENT WHICH TO ORDINARY JADED READER OF THE
ROMANIAN PRESS IS PROBABLY POSITIVE PROOF OF JUST THE OPPOSITE.

2. COMMENT: GOR IS CLEARLY RELUCTANT TO TAKE SIDES
IN SUCH A CONTROVERSIAL AFRICAN PROBLEM. THIS IS

PARTICULARLY TRUE SINCE NO ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS
TO BE SEEN ENCOURAGING ANYTHING WHICH LOOKS LIKE
INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE.
IN FACT LOCAL MEDIA IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN CAMPAIGN
MEANT TO STRENGTHEN NON-INTERFERENCE PRINCIPLE AS A
DEFENSE AGAINST WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS ASSERTIONS.
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